

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A plant package comprising a flower pot, a floral grouping and a preformed tubular sleeve, the plant package constructed by the method comprising:

providing a preformed flexible sleeve having an upper end and a closed lower end, the preformed flexible sleeve being continuously sealed from the upper end to the closed lower end and when opened having a generally frusto-conical shape prior to application about a flower pot, and the preformed flexible sleeve comprising:

a decorative lower portion sized and dimensioned to surround and encompass the flower pot; and

a decorative skirt portion integral to the decorative lower portion and dimensioned to extend from the decorative lower portion a distance above an upper end of the flower pot when the preformed flexible sleeve is disposed about the flower pot, wherein the upper end of the preformed flexible sleeve is provided with a plurality of curved portions which provide a decorative design to the skirt portion; and

disposing the flower pot having a floral grouping therein within the preformed flexible sleeve such that the decorative lower portion of the preformed flexible sleeve surrounds and encompasses the flower pot with the flower pot disposed on the closed lower end of the preformed flexible sleeve and wherein the decorative skirt portion is disposed adjacent only a lower portion of a stem portion of the floral grouping disposed in the flower pot thereby forming the plant package.

2. (Original) The plant package of claim 1 wherein the preformed flexible sleeve is constructed from a material selected from the group consisting of paper, foil, polymeric film, fabric, cardboard, fiber, burlap, cloth, and combinations thereof.
3. (Original) The plant package of claim 1 wherein the preformed flexible sleeve has a thickness in a range of from about 0.1 mil and about 30 mils.
4. (Original) The plant package of claim 1 wherein the preformed flexible sleeve is secured about the flower pot via a ribbon, a heat shrinkable material, a fastening material, a band, a barb, a weld, or an adhesive or cohesive bonding material.

5. (Original) The plant package of claim 1 wherein in the step of providing the preformed flexible sleeve, the preformed flexible sleeve is removed from a support device.